information system is under consideration of the Railways for its network;

(b) whether there is any substitute Indian technology of the identical efficiency and capability; and

(c) whether the Railways are considering Indian technology also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No information system by German Consultants is under consideration of the railway and there is no Indian agent.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Improvement of Calcutta Port

2357. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to dig a channel in the middle of the Balari Bar at Calcutta Port to divert the flow of water so that the entry of vessels is not affected;

(b) if so when it is likely to be taken up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) It is proposed to improve the navigational channel over Balari Bar by means of capital dredging and necessary river training works.

(b) and (c) The river training works are in progress and capital dredging is expected to be taken up by Dec. '87.

Dangerous effect of Amidopyrine

2358. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subcommittee of Drug Consultative Committee recommended in 1980 that fixed dose combination of Analgin may be immediately withdrawn from the market;

(b) whether it is a fact that Amid-opyrine has been banned by Government for human use in the country;

(c) whether Analgin is the sodium sulphonate of 'Amidopyrine;

(d) whether Analgin causes the same blood disease as discovered by using Amidopyrine; and

(e) if so, the reasons in allowing this drug and its combination of sale in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Boston Epidemiogical studies have proved that the incidence of blood diseases as an adverse reaction due to Analgin is insignificant and its extent is no where comparable to that of Amidopyrine.

(e) In view of reply to (d) the continued marketing of analgin is justified.

Second Approach for Delhi Jn. from Kashmere Gate Side

2359. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the final decision taken for provision of second ap-